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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 are pending in this application.

In paragraph 1 of the Final Action, claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Yamada et al.* (JP 2001-117058) or Applicant's Prior Art shown in Figs. 4 to 7. Further, claims 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Murata* (JP 64-28984).

In paragraph 2 of the Final Action, claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamada et al.* (JP 2001-117058) or Applicant's Prior Art shown in Figs. 4 to 7.

In paragraph 3 of the Final Action, claim 5 was objected to because of the informalities.

In paragraph 4 of the Final Action, claims 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12 were objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the rejections, the objection, and the indication of the allowability, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 4 and 5. Accordingly, claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 8. Accordingly, claim 8 has been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 11. Accordingly, claim 11 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to correct dependency. New claims 14 and 15 dependent from amended claim 2 have been filed to obtain proper scope of the invention.

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With the amendments described above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the application are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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